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The document was delivered to the Vatican's representative in Colombia, Apostolic Nuncio Angelo Acerbi, by the Italian priest (De Nicolo), the standardbearer of the cause of the [word indistinct] in the Colombian capital.

The priest spent 2 hours in the embassy yesterday. He was the second person to go into the embassy, the first having been the daughter of the Israeli ambassador, who spent only 13 minutes with her father, one of the hostages.

BOMBS EXPLODE IN TWO CONSULATES IN CALI.

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[Excerpts] Cali, Colombia, 30 Mar (AFP)--Bomb attempts against the Costa Rican and Uruguayan consulates were reported in this city in the western part of Colombia, 490 km from Bogota, the police reported today.

The identities of the perpetrators of these attempts are not known, but press circles believe they were members of the 19 April Movement [M-19] group, which has occupied the Dominican Embassy in Bogota for the past 33 days and is holding 29 hostages.

Recently there have been several attempts in Colombia which seem to point toward an escalation of violence in the opinion of some sectors. On the Venezuelan border, the town of Fortul was briefly occupied by subversive elements; in Bucaramanga two bomb attempts left a toll of four dead; and in Bogota, a school was occupied for publicity purposes.

TALKS WITH USSR ON SALE OF MEAT CONTINUE

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[Text] Talks are continuing between the USSR and Colombia to determine the terms of sale and techniques involved in implementing an agreement for exporting meat. Within a week, the terms of the contract and other conditions will be announced, according to an Agriculture Ministry adviser.

The adviser said there is a possibility of marketing 10,000 tons of meat in (Peru), but that the negotiations will not be completed within 3 months. He added that at present there is the possibility of negotiating with other countries, with Libya, Ivory Coast, Israel, Spain and Greece being the most immediate prospects.

VENEZUELA REJECTS COURT MEDIATION IN BORDER DISPUTE

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[Text] Bogota--The Venezuelan Government categorically rejected today the possibility of submitting the border conflict with Colombia to an international court. This problem has to be solved by Colombians and Venezuelans through conversations and seeking formulas and not by requesting the intervention of third parties, said Gustavo Planchard, head of the Venezuelan delegation in charge of the negotiations with Colombian representatives. The Venezuelan delegate said his government will not accept the meddling of third parties in the conflict.

When asked by RCN about the possibility of an agreement in a short time, Planchard said nothing can be assured in this respect. He added that there could be a solution in 2 or 3 years. He pointed out, however, that the problem cannot be extended indefinitely for 10 or more years. Planchard admitted that there is no easy solution, but he added that with a friendly dialog an agreement can be reached. He said we have made great progress which has been satisfactory to both parties. He was referring to conversations which were resumed last night at the Intercontinental Hotel in Cali.